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APPLICANTS: *Chu et al.*

SERIAL NUMBER: 10/017,012 ART UNIT: 3731

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TITLE: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR GUIDING A NEEDLE

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

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	C27	International Search Report for International Patent Application No. PCT/US02/39187, dated April 16, 2003, 8 pages.	

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